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For: CONTROL VALVES

DECISION DISMISSING

PETITION

37 CFR 1.324

This is a decision on the petition filed September 22, 2006 to correct inventorship. Although the petition was filed under 37 CFR 1.48 a few weeks before the issue date of the patent, the petition was not forwarded for decision until after the issuance of the patent. The petition is treated as a petition to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.324 because the patent has already issued.

The petition is dismissed.

A petition to correct inventorship as provided by 37 CFR 1.324 requires (1) a statement from each person who is being added as an inventor that the inventorship error occurred without any deceptive intention on their part, (2) a statement from the current named inventors (including any "inventor" being deleted) who have not submitted a statement as per "(1)" either agreeing to the change of inventorship or stating that they have no disagreement in regard to the requested change, (3) a statement from all assignees of the parties submitting a statement under "(1)" and "(2)" agreeing to the change of inventorship in the patent; such statement must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 3.73(b); and (4) the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(b). This petition lacks item(s) 2.

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